

Applicant : Fritzemeier et al.  
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REMARKS

Applicants filed a Request for Continued Examination together with an Information Disclosure Statement on November 7, 2002 and are awaiting a first Office Action.

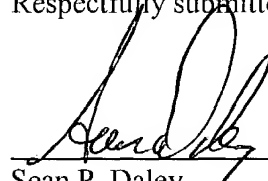
In this Preliminary Amendment, Applicants have introduced new claims 34-41. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been introduced. Support for the new claims can be found, for example, in the specification on pages 27-28 and in Figs. 1A-1B.

Applicants request that claims 1-31 and 34-41 be examined and allowed. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$144.00 for excess claim fees. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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